

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-76 were pending in the application as filed. Claim 14 has been amended herein. Following entry of these amendments, claims 1-76 will be pending and at issue.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to merely insert sequence identifiers, as well as to incorporate by reference the Sequence Listing filed concurrently. No new matter is added and entry is respectfully requested.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended to recite a single SEQ ID NO for claim 14. No new matter is added and entry is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (206) 389-4596.

Respectfully Submitted,

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